

Steering Committee Conference Call

January 25, 2013

Roll Call:

Alice Drury, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Don Pettit, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

LT Johna Rossetti, United States Coast Guard Sector Columbia River (USCG SCR)

Josie Clark, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Heather Parker, USCG District 13 (D13)

Tim Lupher, USCG Sector Puget Sound (SPS)

Linda Pilkey-Jarvis, Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology)

Tiffany Ban, TechLaw Inc.

Action Items:

- Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis: Send Ms. Clark names of EPA local grant speakers by the Friday before the meetings.
- All: Remind your representatives giving the On-Scene Coordinator reports that they will have about ten minutes to give their presentations.
- Ms. Clark and Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis: Discuss public meeting webinar.
- Ms. Drury: Speak to NOAA's ESI person about process.
- Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis: Look into tours on Harbor Island.
- Ms. Clark: Send webinar information to the Tribal Coordinators
- Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis: Speak with Lt CDR Lance Lindgren, CDR Dahl and Mr. Lupher about how to do outreach to local people
- Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis: Send out an e-mail about the meetings to Ecology's listservs.

Review and Comment on RRT and NWAC Agendas for 12-13FEB

Executive Agenda

Ms. Clark informed everyone that changes have been made to the dispersant decision making discussion topics in the most recent agenda. She also noted that the starting time for the executive session will be 10:00 am, allowing participants to travel to Seattle that morning.

Ms. Pilkey Jarvis asked what the purpose of discussing the dispersant decision-making was. Ms. Clark answered that this topic was put into the agenda so that everyone can make sure that they are on the same page when it comes to how dispersants work, and what they do. Mr. Jim Clark of ExxonMobil (retired) will be opening this presentation.

Mr. Pettit asked if Mr. Clark will have detailed information on toxicity to present. Ms. Parker stated that Mr. Clark has conducted numerous lab studies, which he can discuss in detail, and is very familiar with other published studies from a range of international sources on this topic. Mr. Pettit requested that this information be sent as a read-ahead document, adding that he thought it would be too much information to digest from a Power Point presentation. Ms. Parker stated that she did not think there would be enough time to put this together. Ms. Clark stated that dispersants will be a three hour topic. The first hour and a half will be content-based, and then the second half will involve walking through an actual tabletop discussion of a dispersant application.

After the presentations, there will be time for questions. Ms. Clark stated that every item on the agenda may not end up being covered in full detail, but it will be a good opportunity to identify topics that warrant further discussion. Ms. Drury added that there is a lot of existing toxicological data, and that coming to the meetings with prepared questions would be a good idea.

Ms. Clark stated that during this portion of the meeting, she will walk through what the new dispersant memo will look like in the Northwest Area Contingency Plan (NWACP), and then Mr. Clark will go into the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) pre-spill and during a spill. Before moving on to the next agenda item, there will be time for identifying lingering questions and have discussions. The session will end with a list of topics that need further attention.

Mr. Chris Field of EPA will involve voting members in a tabletop exercise for a dispersant decision. Mr. Field will work with CAPT Ferguson of USCG SPS ahead of time with to see what his process and timeline is like during a dispersant decision.

Mr. Pettit pointed out that there is already a process in place, along with monitoring protocols and pre-identified locations, but he noted that it seems as if there is data missing. He stated that he would like to hear from NOAA and EPA regarding what dispersant products are being used today in a post-Gulf-spill response, and what the data entails.

Ms Parker mentioned that one of the desired end states of this Exec Meeting session is that each of the RRT voting members on Dispersant Authorization decisions will have either had their key questions answered during this session, or they have identified them during this session so they can be followed up on in subsequent meetings or inter-meeting periods.

Public Agenda

Ms. Parker reported that she and CDR Agneta Dahl of USCG SPS have been trying to get someone from Seattle Emergency Management to give an opening presentation at the public meeting. Mr. Tim Luper of USCG SPS offered to help CDR Dahl with this. Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis stated that she may have a contact that would be appropriate for giving this presentation. Ms. Clark suggested that Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis invite this contact anyway, even if they are not going to be presenting.

Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis stated that she is still trying to get a presenter to commit to speaking about the vessel traffic study. She reported that she does not have final names yet, but Mr. Bob McFarland of USCG D13 may present on this.

Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis also stated that she has an upcoming conference call regarding the EPA local grants. The Washington Fish and Wildlife staff member who is in charge of allocating these grants will be giving an overview first and then each of the recipients talk about what they received the grants for. These are

people that do work that supports area planning. Ms. Clark asked Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis to send her the names of the speakers by the Friday before the meetings.

Ms. Clark asked everyone to remind their representatives who will be giving the On-Scene Coordinator reports that they will have about ten minutes to give their presentations. She stated that some presentations may go over this number, but she asked that everyone aim for ten minutes.

Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis reported that she has been trying to get somebody from the Federal Rail Administration to speak about the Federal Regulation of Oil movement by Rail. This item was removed from the agenda because there has not been any response from potential speakers.

The Kinder Morgan presentation was extended to an hour.

Mr. Pettit asked if the recently released Area Planning Directive will be reviewed before the February meetings. Ms. Parker answered no, because there is not enough time. She also noted that this is a job-aid, not instructions.

Ms. Clark noted that currently, the public meeting will end at 1600.

Tim Luper asked if the brief from King County Emergency Management should be focused on oil spills. Ms. Parker replied that the presenters should summarize how they operate during an emergency, and how they coordinate with other agencies. Mr. Pettit added that most of these emergency management presenters usually mention what the high risks are in their region.

Ms. Clark asked if a webinar will be needed for this meeting. Ms. Clark and Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis will discuss this later, and Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis will send Ms. Clark information about it.

Recap Process for NWAC Chairs Selecting Final 2013 Task Forces (TFs), Overview of Final Tally Spreadsheet and next steps in Initiating TFs

Ms. Clark went through the TFs spreadsheet that was sent to the Executives. This will be discussed on a conference call on February 1, 2013. She stated that she and Ms. Parker are recommending to everyone that the first nine TFs on the list be established, based on the number of votes they received at the Summit.

One of the things that Ms. Clark and Ms. Parker are recommending is that the New Products TF is combined with the Emerging Transportation Modes Products TF. There was a discussion about the University of Washington graduate student group that has been working on new products, under a grant from NOAA. Ms. Drury stated that Mr. Gary Shigenaka of NOAA has been leading the group of graduate students from the College of the Environment. They have been doing research and currently have a website and a fact sheet that is being finalized with NOAA. In the future they will produce a final report. The combined task force will be getting involved with this work.

There was a discussion about the Endangered Species Act Compliance TF. NOAA will go through this process regardless of if a TF exists. Because of this, Ms. Drury stated that she does not know if there is a need for a TF, but she will check with NOAA's Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) person.

Mr. Pettit stated that the focus of this TF will be coordinating with the right people to make the best product, and gathering data. He suggested that having a TF might not be the best approach, but coordination will need to take place. He stated that he is not sure if Oregon DEQ is the right agency to lead this group. He recommended that NOAA be the lead agency.

Ms. Drury reported that the work on this will start in July, and advised everyone not to be alarmed if they have not heard anything about it yet.

Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis asked Mr. Drury if NOAA will need data to do the ESIs. Ms. Drury answered that she had spoken to NOAA's ESI person about this before the Annual Summit. She is not clear about the logistics but her understanding is that there is a process in place which involves the use of a contractor.

Ms. Parker stated that usually ESIs are done in close coordination with state agencies, adding that this process looks a little different.

Mr. Pettit reminded everyone that there are two products that need to be developed, the ESI and the Ocean Uses Survey. Ms. Drury suggested that instead of forming a TF, that Mr. Pettit just be included in this ESI and Ocean Uses Survey Work. **Ms. Drury will talk to the NOAA ESI person to ask her about their process.**

Ms. Clark reminded everyone that the TF list is just a proposal, and that they are open to changes.

The next step in the TF process is a conference call on February 1, 2013 where the Executives will give their input on the prioritization proposal. A list of final TFs will be established. After that, they will be asked to offer up names of people that they want to volunteer for membership to the TFs.

Scheduling a Tour for Seattle RRT/NWAC Meetings

Ms. Clark asked everyone if they had any ideas for a facility tour that could be offered on Monday or Thursday before the meetings. **Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis offered to look into facilities on Harbor Island**, adding that they have a variety of storage and transportation facilities there. She also stated that one of the most interesting things about this location is that everything there was built on fill material. In an earthquake, this could be a big issue. There is also a big sea level-rise issue there.

Outreach for Seattle RRT/NWAC Meetings

Once Ms. Clark receives the webinar information, she will send it to the Tribal Coordinators so that they will have the opportunity to listen to the meetings remotely. Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis also offered to speak with Lt CDR Lance Lindgren, CDR Dahl and Mr. Lupher about how to do outreach to local people, and will send an e-mail about the meetings to Ecology's listservs.